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Anno Mariæ primo.

Actes made in the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster the second day of Aprill*

in the first yeere of the raigne of our most gratious soueraigne Lady Marie, by the grace of God, Queene of Englande, Fraunce, and Ireland, defender of the fayth, and there continued and kept to the dissolution of the same, beyng the fyfth day of Maye then next ensuing, as foloweth.

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Oraſmuche as the Imperiall crowne of this realme, with al dignities, honours, prerogatiues, aucthorities, iuriſdictions, and preheminences thereunto annexed, vnited, and belongyng, by the deuine prouidence of almyghtye God, is moſt lawfully, iuſtly, and ryghtfully diſcended and come vnto the Queenes hyghneſſe that nowe is, being the very true and vndoubted heyre and inheritrix therof, and inueſted in her moſt royal perſon, accordyng vnto the lawes of this realme: And by force and vertue of the ſame, al regal power, dignitie, honour, aucthoritie, prerogatiue, preheminence, and iuriſdictions, doth apperteyne, and of right ought to apperteyne and belong vnto her hyghnes, as to the ſoueraigne, ſupreme gouernour, and Queene of this realme, and the dominions thereof, in as ful, large, and ample maner, as it hath done heretofore to any other her moſt noble progenitours kynges of this realme. Neuertheleſſe, the moſt auncient ſtatutes of this realme, beyng made by kinges then raigning, do not onely attribute & referre al prerogatiue, preheminence, power, and iuriſdiction royal, vnto the name of kyng, but alſo do geue, aſſigne, & appoynt the correctiõ and punihment of al offenders agaynſt the regaltie and dignitie of the crowne, & the lawes of this realme vnto the king. By occaſion whereof, the malitious and ignorant perſons may be hereafter induced and perſwaded vnto this errour and folly, to thinke that her hyghneſſe coulde, ne ſhoulde haue, enioy, and vſe ſuche lyke royal aucthoritie, power, preheminence, prerogatiue, and iuriſdiction, nor do, ne execute and vſe all thynges concernyng the ſayde ſtatutes, and take the benefite and priuiledge of the ſame, nor correct and punihe offendours agaynſt her moſt royal perſon, and the regaltie and dignitie of the crowne of this realme, and the dominions thereof, as the kynges of this realme her moſte noble progenitours haue heretofore donne, enioyned, vſed, and exerciſed.

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For the auoydyng and cleare extinguishment of which sayd errour or doubt, and for a playne declaration of the lawes of this realme in that behalfe: be it declared and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the lawe of this realme is, and euer hath ben, & ought to be vnderstand, that the kingly or regal office of the realme, and al dignities, prerogatiue, royal power, preheminẽces, priuileges, auctorities, and iurisdictions thereunto annexed, vnited, or belongyng, beyng inuested eyther in male or female, are, and be, and ought to be, as fully, wholy, absolutely, and entierly deemed, iudged, accepted, inuested, & taken, in the one as in the other, so that what, or whensoeuer statute or lawe dooth limit and appoynt, that the kyng of this realme may, or shal haue, execute, and do any thyng, as kyng, or dooth geue any profit or commoditie to the kyng, or dooth limit or appoynt any paines or punishment for the correction of offenders or transgressours agaynst the regaltie, and dignitie of the kyng, or of the crowne: The same the Queene (being supreme gouernesse, possessour, & enheritour to the imperial crowne of this realme, as our sayde soueraigne Ladye the Queene most iustly presently is) may by the same auctoritie and power lykewise haue, exercise, execute, punishe, correct, and do, to al intentes, constructions & purposes, without doubt, ambiguitie, scruple, or question: any custome, vse, or scruple, or any other thyng whatsoeuer, to be made to the contrarie, notwithstandyng.

An acte touching the articles of the Queenes hyghnesse most noble mariage.

The.ij. Chapter.

WHere as most instaunt suite hath ben made to your most excellent Maiestie on the behalfe of the most noble and most victorious prince Charles Emperour of Rome. &c. for mariage to be had betwene your hyghnes, & his only sonne and heire, the noble prince Philip of Spayne. &c. Wherevpon to the pleasure of almighty God, to the comfort of your most noble person, & to the great and singuler honour, welth, benefite, and commoditie of this your realme of Englande, and of al vs your most humble & obedient subiectes of the same, there hath passed & ben concluded in two sundry treatises, certayne pactes and couenauntes, touching the sayde mariage, with dependaunces and circumstances of the same, and in the one treatise these articles.

First, it is couenaunted and agreed, that as soone as conueniently may be, true and perfecte mariage by woordes of the tyme present shalbe

ſhalbe contracted, ſolemniſed, and conſummate in England, betwene the ſayde moſte noble Prince, and the ſayde moſt vertuous Lady the Queene. By force of whiche mariage ſo celebrated and conſummate, the ſayde moſt noble prince Philip, ſhall during the ſayde mariage, haue, & enioy, ioyntly together with the ſayde moſt gratious Queene his wyfe, the ſtyle, honour, and kyngly name of the realmes, and dominions vnto the ſayde moſt noble Queene apperteynyng, and ſhall ayde her highnes, beyng his wyfe, in the happy adminiſtration of her graces realmes and dominions: the ryghtes, lawes, priuiledges, and cuſtomes of the ſame realmes and dominions, beyng neuerthelelle preſerued and mainteyned.

And ſpecially it is prouided and couenaunted, that the ſayde moſte noble Prince, ſhal permit and ſuffer the ſayde moſt gratious Queene his wyfe, to haue the whole diſpoſition of al the benefices, and offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites of the ſaid realmes and dominions, and that they ſhalbe beſtowed vppon ſuche as be naturally borne in the ſame. And that all the matters of the ſayde realmes and dominions, ſhalbe treated and mayned in the ſame tongues, wherein of olde they haue ben wonte to be treated, and by the naturall borne of the ſame realmes.

It is alſo couenaunted, that the ſame moſt noble Queene, by vertue of the forſayd matrimonie, ſhalbe admitted into the ſocietie of the realmes and dominions of the ſayde noble Prince, aſwell ſuche as he hath nowe preſently, as ſuche other alſo as, duryng the ſame matrimonie, may come hereafter vnto hym. And for her dower, in caſe that her hyghnelle ouerlyue the ſayde moſt noble Prince her huſbande, ſhe ſhall yeerely receiue three ſcore thouſande poundes, after the value of fourtie grotes Flemiſhe money the pounde, the ſame to be allotted and appoynted vpon al the realmes, landes, and primoniall dominions of the ſayde moſt victorious Lorde Themperour his father, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to ſay, fourtie thouſand poundes ſhalbe aſſigned vpon the realmes of Spaine, Caſtile, and Arragon, and their appertenaunces, in beſt maner that may be, and accordyng to the faſhion, vſage, and cuſtome of the ſayde realmes. So as yf the ſayd noble Prince do dye before her highnelle, and by reaſon therof the ſayde dower come in vſe, and take effecte, the ſayde moſte gratious Queene, ſhall, and may freely, without any impediment, haue, vſe, and enioy the ſayde fourtie thouſande poundes, as is aforeſayde. The other twentie thouſande poundes ſhalbe appoynted vnto her hyghnelle vpon the Dukedomes, Earledommes, and dominions of Brabant, Flaunders, Heynolde, Hollande, and other the premoniall landes and inheritaunce of the ſayd Lorde Themperour in the lower Germanie, in lyke maner, as the Lady Margerete of Englande, ſome tyme wyfe and wyddowe of the Lorde Charles, of laudable memorie,

Duke of Burgondie, had, and receiued vpon the same, so as the sayde most noble Queene suruiuyng her sayde husbande, shall immediatly after his death vse, enioy, and possesse her sayde dower, so farre forth as no part thereof be alienated or obliged to others. And in case any part thereof be founde alienate or bounde to others, other landes or reuenues of lyke value, lyeing neare to the residue of the sayde dower, shalbe in due fourme assigned in lieue therof within the space of three monethes, whiche her highnesse shal vse and enioy in lyke maner and fourme, as the sayde Ladye Margarete of Englande before vsed and enioyed.

And least that amonges their chyldren there myght aryse some strife for the succession, and thereby disturbe the fruite of perpetuall concorde that is hoped shal ensue of this matrimonie betweene the realmes and dominions of eyther partie, the saide succession shalbe ordered in maner and fourme folowyng.

First, that as touchyng the ryght of the mothers inheritaunce in the realme of England, and the other realmes and dominions dependyng of the same, the chyldren as wel males as females, that shalbe borne of this matrimonie, shal succeede in thē, according to the lawes, statutes, and customes of the same.

And as touchyng the landes, that the sayde most noble Prince shal leaue behinde him. Firste there shalbe reserued vnto his eldest sonne the Lorde Charles of Austriche infant of Spayne, and to the chyldren and heyres of him descending, as wel females as males, al and singuler their rightes, whiche to the sayde prince do either nowe, or hereafter shall belong, and shal at any tyme by the death eyther of the noble Queene his graundame, or the most victorious Emperour Charles the fifth his father (which God long deferre) be deuolued vnto hym in the realmes of Spayne, of both the Scicilies, with all their appurtenaunces, in the dukedome of Millayne, and other landes and dominions in Lumbardie, and Italy, whatsoeuer name and title they haue, which neuertheless shalbe burdened and charged with the aforesayd dower of .xl. thousande poundes. In whiche realmes, landes, & dominions, the children of this present matrimonie shal pretende nothyng, so long as the sayd Lorde Charles the infant, or any issue of his body, lawfully begotten, do liue. But if it fortune the same Lord Charles to dye, and the issue of his bodye to fayle, then and in that case the eldest sonne of this matrimonie shalbe admitted vnto the sayde ryght, and accordyng to the nature, lawes, and customes, of the sayd realmes and dominions shal succeede. The same eldest sonne shal also succeede in al the Dukedomes, Earledomes, dominions, and primontall landes belongyng vnto the sayd lord Themperour, as wel in Burgundie, as in the lower Germanie: that is to say, in the Dukedomes of Brabant, Luxenborghe, Gelders, Zutphane, Burgondie, Friselande, in the

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Counties of Fraunders, Arthois, Hollande, Zelande, Namures, the lande beyond the Iles, and in al other whatſoeuer thereunto belonging, or any wayes apperteynyng, with al theyr ryghtes and demaundes.

But yf the ſayde lorde Charles, or they that ſhal come of hym, ſhal remaine on liue, & that there be by this matrimonie any male childe, in that caſe the ſayde Lorde Charles, or his deſcendentes, ſhalbe and remaine excluded from the ſayde landes and primonial dominions of the lower Germanye, and of Burgundye, and the ſame, with al theyr right, ſhal deſcende vnto the eldeſt ſonne to be borne of this matrimonie: and to the other chyldren that ſhalbe borne of the ſayd matrimonie, aſwel males as females, a conuenient portion and dower ſhalbe allotted in the realme of Englande and dominions dependyng of the ſame, and in the ſayde landes and primonial dominions of the lower Germanie: and neyther the eldeſt ſonne of this matrimonie, nor the other ſonnes begotten in & ſame, ſhal pretend any right in the realme of Spayne, or other dominions dependyng of the ſame, and reſerued to the ſayde Lorde Charles the infante, otherwyſe then by theyr fathers or graundfathers diſpoſition ſhalbe geuen or left vnto them.

Moreouer, yf it fortune no male chylde to be borne of this matrimonie, but only females, in that caſe the eldeſt female ſhal with full right ſucceede in the ſayd lands and dominions of the lower Germanie, ſo as neuertheleſſe ſhe being minded to chooſe to huſbande any man not borne in Englande, or in the lower Germanie, ſhe do contracte the ſame matrimonie by the counſell and conſent of the ſayde Lorde Charles the infante her brother, or els yf ſhe take anye man to huſband, that is not borne in England, or in the lower Germany, neglecting the counſel and conſent of the ſayd Lord Charles, in that caſe the ryght of the ſucceſſion ſhalbe and remayne to the ſayde Lorde Charles the infant in the ſayd dominions of lower Germanie, Burgundie, & theyr appurtenaunces, whiche in the caſe aforeſayde ſhal reuerte vnto hym, or his iſſue, aſwel males as females. And yet neuertheleſſe in that caſe both ſhe and the other daughters alſo deſcendyng of this matrimonie (no male chyldren remaynyng) ſhalbe endowed of theyr fathers landes and poſſeſſions, aſwel of Spayne, as of lower Germanie, competently, and accordyng to the cuſtomes of the ſayde realmes and dominions.

And for want alſo of the ſayde lord Charles, and the iſſue of hym, and none other children remayning of this matrimonie but women, in that caſe the eldeſt daughter to be borne of this matrimonie, ſhal ſucceede, not only in the ſaid dominions of lower Germany and Burgundie, but alſo in the other realmes of Spayne, Englande, and the reſt, after the nature, lawes, and cuſtomes of the ſame.

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the aboue declared cases of succession, that whatsoeuer he or she be that shal succeede in them, they shal leaue to euery of the sayde realmes, landes, and dominions, whole and entire theyr priuileges, rightes and customes, and the same realmes and dominions shal administer, & cause to be administred by the natural borne of the same realmes, dominions, and landes, and in al thynges faythfully procure theyr vtilitie and quiet, and shal rule and nourishe them in good iustice and peace, accordyng to theyr statutes and customes.

Finally, that betweene the sayd Emperour, the Prince, and his successours, theyr realmes and dominions whatsoeuer, & the sayd most gracious Queene, and her realmes & dominions, there shalbe from hencefoorth an entire and sincere fraternitie, vnitie, and most straite confederacie for euer (God willing) happily to endure, so as they shal mutually one of them ayde another in al thinges, whiche to them selues, and theyr honour, and to the conseruation of theyr heyres and successours shalbe most agreeable, accordyng to the strength, fourme, and effect of the latter treatie of a strayght amitie, bearyng date at Westminster, the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, fourtie and two: the declaration of whiche treatie beareth date at Vtreyghte, the xvi. day of Januarye, in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, fourtie and fyue.

And in another treatise these articles folowyng.

Fyrst, that the sayd moste noble prince shal not promote, admytte, or receiue to any office, administration, or benefite in the sayde realme of Englande, and the dominions thereunto belonging, any stranger, or persons not borne vnder the dominion and subiection of the sayde moste noble Queene of Englande.

That the sayde moste noble prince shal receiue and admyt into the seruice of his houshold and courte, gentlemen and yeomen of the said realme of England, in a conuenient number, and shal esteeme, entertayne and nourishe them as his proper subiectes, and shal bring none in his retinue, nor haue none with hym, that wyl do any displeasure or wrong to the subiectes of the sayde realme. And yf they do, he shal take order to correct them with condigne pounyshment, and see them expelled his courte.

That the sayde moste noble prince shal doo nothyng, whereby any thyng be innouated in the state and right, either publique or priuate, or in the lawes and customes of the sayde realme of Englande, or the dominions thereunto belongyng, but shal contrarywyse confyrme and keepe to al estates and orders theyr ryghtes and priuileges.

That the sayde Lorde Prince shal not leade away the aforesayde moste noble Ladye the Queene out of the borders of her highnesse realme, vnlesse she her selfe desyre it, nor cary the children that shalbe borne of his matrimonie out of the same realme of Englande, but to

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the hope of ſucceſſion to come, ſhall there ſuffer them to be nouryſhed and brought vp, vnleſſe it ſhalbe otherwyſe thought good by the conſent and agreement of the nobilitie of Englande. And in caſe that no childzen being left, the ſaid moſt noble Queene do dye before him, the ſayde Lorde Prynce ſhal not chalenge anye ryght at al in the ſayde kyngdome, but without any impediment ſhal permyt the ſucceſſion thereof to come vnto them, to whom it ſhal belong and appertayne by the ryght and lawes of the ſayde realme.

Item, that the ſayde moſte noble prynce ſhal not beare or carye ouer out of the forſayde realme, the iewelles and precious thynges of eſtimation, neither ſhal he alienate or do away any whit of the appurtenaunces of the ſayde realme of Englande, or ſuffer anye part of them to be vſurped by his ſubiectes, or any other, but ſhal ſee that al and ſinguler places of the realme, and ſpecially the fortes & frontiers of the ſame, be faythfully keapt and preſerued to the vſe and profite of the ſayde realme, and by the naturall borne of the ſame. He ſhall not ſuffer any ſhyppe, gonnes, ordinaunces what ſo euer, of warre, or defence, to be remoued or conueyed out of the ſayde realme, but ſhall contrarywyſe cauſe them diligently to be keapt and renued, when neede requireth, and ſhal ſo prouide, that the ſame may be alwayes redy in theyr ſtrength and force for the defence of the realme.

Item, that the realme of Englande by occaſion of this matrimonye, ſhal not directly, or indirectly, be intangled with the warre that is betweene the moſte victorious Lorde the Emperour, father vnto the ſaid Lord prince, and Henry the French king, but he the ſayd lord Philip, as muche as ſhal lye in hym on the behalfe of the ſayd realme of Englande, ſhal ſee the peace betweene the ſayd realmes of Fraunce and Englande obſerued, & ſhal geue no cauſe of any breach. By which couenaunt the latter treatice of a ſtraighter amitie, ſhal not be in any poynt derogated, but the ſame ſhal ſtyl remayne in his vigour and force, ſauyng alſo that the behalfe of his fathers other realmes and dominions, the ſayde prince ſhal haue free power to ayde and aſſiſte his moſt noble father, as he ſhal thinke beſt in the defence of his landes, and reuenge of the iniuries he hath receiued.

Foraſmuche as we your moſt humble and obedient ſubiectes, the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, haue naturaly, ſincerely, & deliberately conſydered and wayed al and ſinguler the ſayde couenauntes, grauntes, pactes, treatiſes, & agreementes, concerning the ſayd moſte honourable and fortunate mariage betweene your highneſſe, and the ſayd moſt noble prince of Spayne, & the dependaunce therof, and do therupon thinke, deeme, & iudge the ſame to be both honourable vnto your highneſſe, and commodious vnto the common wealth of this your realme: Therefore we your ſayde humble and obedient ſubiectes moſte

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humbly pray and beseeche your Maiestie, that lyke as it hath pleased your highnesse vpon your free and natural zeale and good wyll that you haue & beare vnto this your realme, & to your louing subiectes of the same, to condiscende and agree, that al and singuler the sayde grauntes, articles, pactes, and agreementes, concernyng the sayde mariage, shoulde be reuealed, opened, & declared vnto vs your sayde louing subiectes in this your high courte of Parliamente: so it may also please your Maiestie for the more perfecte corroboration, and strength of the sayde articles, grauntes, pactes, & agreementes, and to thintent that the same may be ỹ more inuiolably obserued & kept, that it may be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that al and singuler the sayde articles, couenauntes, grauntes, treatises, pactes, and agreementes, had, made, & concluded, for and concernyng the sayde maryage betweene your highnesse, and the sayde Prince of Spayne, and al and singuler the dependaunces thereof before rehearsed, shall immediatly after the sayde maryage had and solemnized, stande, remayne, and abyde in perfect force and efficacie, according to the effect, sense, and true meanyng of the sayde treatise.

And where amonges other the articles aboue remembred, it is agreed, that the sayd most noble Prince shal, duryng the said mariage, haue, and enioy, ioyntly togeather with your Maiestie, the style, honour, and kyngly name of the sayde realmes and dominions to your highnesse apperteyning, and shal also ayde your highnesse, beyng his wyfe, in the happye administration of your realmes and dominions, (the right, lawes, priuileges, and customes of the sayde realmes and dominions beyng neuertheless reserued and mayntayned.)

And where also it is prouided, couenaunted, and agreed, amonges other the sayde articles in the sayde treatise, by, and on the behalfe of the sayde moste noble Prince, that the sayde moste noble Prynce shal permytte and suffer your moste excellent Maiestie to haue the whole disposition of all the benefices and offices, landes, reuenues, & fruites of the sayde realmes and dominions: And that the sayde moste noble Prynce shal not do any thyng, whereby the estate and ryght eyther publique or priuate, or the lawes and customes of the sayde realme of England, or the dominions thereunto belonging, be innouated. For the more expresse explanation and declaration of the premisses, we your faythful, louing, and obedient subiectes, doo moste humbly beseeche your highnesse, that it may be prouided, enacted, and established by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that your Maiestie, as our only Queene, shal and may holy, & as a sole Queene, vse, haue, and enioy the crowne and soueraintie, of, and ouer your realmes, dominions, and subiectes, with al the preheminences, prerogatiues, dignities, auctorities, iurisdictions, honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, belonging

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longyng to the ſame, in ſuche ſole and onlye eſtate, and in as large and ample maner and fourme in al degrees, actes, exerciſes, and conditions, from and after the ſolemnization of the ſayde maryage, and at al tymes duryng the ſame (whiche GOD graunt long to continue and endure) as your hyghneſſe nowe hath, vſeth, exerciſeth, and enioyeth the ſame, and as your grace hath had, vſed, exerciſed, and enioyed, or myght haue had, vſed, or enioyed the ſame, before the ſolemnization of the ſayde maryage, without any ryght, tytle, eſtate, clayme, or demaunde, to be geuen, come, or growen vnto the ſayd moſt noble Prynce, as tenaunte by the curteſie of this realme, or in, or by any other meane, by force of the ſayde maryage, of, in, and to your ſayde imperial crowne, ſoueraignte, realmes, dominions, ſubiectes, preheminences, prerogatiues, dignities, aucthorities, iuriſdictions, honours, caſtels, manours, landes, teniementes, & hereditaments, belonging to the ſame, by any lawes, vſage, or cuſtome whatſoeuer: the ſayd mariage, or any eſtatute, cuſtome, preſcription, or other thyng to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

And yet neuertheleſſe, that it may be enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that al and ſinguler gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchaunges, confyrmations, leaſes, and other wrytynges, whiche after the ſayde mariage, and during the ſame, ſhal paſſe, and be made of the ſaide benefices, offices, lands, reuenues, & fruites, or of any of them, ſhalbe entituled, ſet forth, and made in the names of the ſayd moſt noble prince, & of your moſt excellent maieſtie, whether the ſaide moſte noble prince ſhalbe preſent within the ſayde realmes and dominions, or within any of them, or abſent. And the ſame gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchaunges, confirmations, leaſes, and other wrytynges, ſo ſet forth & made, ſhalbe ſigned and ſygned with the ſigne manuell of your highneſſe. And the ſame ſo ſigned and ſealed with the great ſeale of this realme, or with ſuch ſeale as hath ben accuſtomed, ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this preſent parliament deemed, adiudged, declared, and pronounced to be as good, perfect, and of like force, ſtrength, and effect in the lawe, to al intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, againſt the ſayde moſte noble prince, and againſt your highneſſe, your heyres, and ſucceſſours, as yf your excellent Maieſtie had ben at the tyme of the making thereof ſole and vnmaryed.

And that al gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchaunges, confyrmations, leaſes, and other wrytynges, whiche after the ſayde maryage, and duryng the tyme of the ſame, ſhal paſſe, and be made of the ſaid benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or of any of them, whereunto the ſigne manuel of your hyghneſſe ſhal not be ſet, made, or put, ſhalbe by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, from tyme

tyme to tyme deemed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force ne effecte, but vtterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, the sayde maryage, or any lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye in any wise, notwithstandyng.

And that it may be also further enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al commissions, instructions, pardons, wrytes of somons, prorogations, or dissolutions of Parliamentes, royal assentes, adiornementes of termes, original wrytes, and other procesle, instrumentes, licenses, iudicials, actes, and al maner wrytynges, other then the sayde gyftes, graunte, letters patentes, exchaunges, confyrmations, leases, and other wrytynges, concernyng, or in any wyse touchyng the sayde benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or any of them, after the said mariage, and duryng the tyme of the same, whether the sayd noble prince shalbe present within the sayd realmes and dominions, or within any of them, or absent, after the signing by your maiestie of the warrantes or writinges of them heretofore vsed to be signed: shal passe, be set forth, and made from time to time in the names of the saide most noble Prince, and your most excellent highnesse, by such officers and ministers, and in such manner, forme, and order, as hath ben vsed and accustomed to passe, be set forth, and made in the tyme or tymes of your graces most noble progenitours, or any of them: and shalbe by thauctoritie of this present parliament, of the same and like force, strength, and effect in the lawe, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if your most excellent maiestie were then sole, and not maryed: the sayd mariage, or anye lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that notwithstanding this acte, or any thyng therin contrained, it shalbe lawful to the lord Chauncelour, lord Treasurer, lord priuie seale, lord Stewarde of the houshold, lord Admiral, Iustices of eyther benche, and al other iudges, officers, and ministers of the courtes of the chaunterie, the Exchequer, the Marshallie, wardes & liueries, the Duchie of Lancaster, the Admiraltie, the presidentes of the counsayles, the Iustices of forestes, and all other iudges, officers, and ministers of this your sayde realme, and dominions of the same for the tyme beyng, aswel to make leases and graunte in the names of the sayd noble prince and of your highnesse, of al such your maiesties landes, tenements, & hereditamentes, not being entire lordshyps or manours, & of al other thinges within their order, rule, and suruey, in such like maner and forme, as they, or any of them haue vsed, or might do before the makyng of this acte, by vertue of their sayde seueral offices and roomes. So that vpon al and euery suche

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leases the olde accustomed rentes, fermes, or yeerely profites therof be reserued, and payable yeerely duryng such leases, and so that the same leases exceede not the number and terme of one and twentie yeeres, and also to do, vse, and exercise by them selues, or their deputies, in the sayde offices and roomes, al and euery other acte and thynges, which they, or any of them dyd, or might lawfully haue done, vsed, or exercised by force & vertue of the sayde offices, or roomes, before the makyng of this acte, as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

An acte for the repeale of two seueral actes, made in the seuenth yeere of kyng Edwarde the sixth, touching the dissolution of the Bishopricke of Durham.

The. iij. Chapter.

WHere there hath ben tyme out of mynde of any man to the contrary a see of a Bishop of Durham, within the North partes of this realme of England, commonly called the Bishopriche of Durham, whiche hath bene one of the most auncientest and worthiest Bishoprickes, dignitie, and promotion spiritual within the sayde realme, and the same place, roome, & dignitie, alwayes supplied & furnished with a man of great learnyng and vertue, the which was both to the honour of God, and thincrease of his true religion, and a great suretie to that part of this realme: Neuertheles the sayd Bishopricke in the parliament begun at Westminster the first day of March, in the seuenth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lord, of famous memorie kyng Edwarde the sixth, nowe deceassed, and there holden and continued vnto ye dissolution of the same, was without any iust cause or consyderation, by auctoritie of the sayde parliament, dissolued, extinguished, and determined. And further, by thauctoritie of the sayd parliament it was ordeined & enacted, that the said Bishopricke together with al the ordinarie iurisdiction therunto apperteining, should be adiudged from the sayde first day of the sayde parliament, clearely dissolued, extinguished, and determined. And that our sayde late soueraigne Lorde the kyng, should from thencefoorth haue, hold, possed, and enioy, to him, his heyres and successours for euer, al, and singuler honours, castels, manours, lordships, graunges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuersions, seruices, woodes, tythes, pencions, portions, personages appropriated, vicaredges, churches, chappels, aduoulons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, conditions, commons, leetes, courtes, li-

herties, priuileges, fraunchiles, & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, which did apperteyne or belong to the sayde Bishoprieke of Durham, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the late Bysshop of the sayde Bishoprieke (meanyng to be the sayd late Bysshop, the reuerende father in God Cuthbert Tunstal, nowe Bishop of the sayde Bishoprieke, who was then supposed to be deprined therof) or any of his predecessours Bishoppes there, helde, or occupied, or of ryght ought to haue holden or occupyed in the ryght of the sayde Bishoprieke, togethers with al the issues and profites, rising, comming, and growyng of the premisses, and of euery parcel of the same, from the tyme of the supposed auoydance of the Bishoprieke.

And further it was by thaucthoritie of the sayde Parliament enacted, that al, and singuler the sayde honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, shoulde be adiudged and deemed in the real and actual possession of our sayde late soueraigne lorde the kyng, without any office, or other inquisition therein to be had or taken, as in and by the sayd acte of Parliament amongest other thinges playnely doth and may appeare.

And where also in the sayde Parliament, by one other acte of parliament, it was ordeyned and established by aucthoritie of the same, that the towne of Gatesyde, and all the inhabitauntes of the sayde towne, that then were, or thereafter should be, and a parcel of ground called the salt meddowes, ioyning to the sayde towne of Gatesyde, and harde vppon the ryuer there, and the whole water and bridge belonging or apparteyning to the sayd towne of Gatesyde, then being parcel of the possessions of the sayde bishoprieke, and also of the liberties and Countie Palatine of Durham aforesayde, shalbe from thencefoorth seuered and diuided from the sayde bysshoprieke, and from the liberties and Countie Palatine of the same, and from thencefoorth should be vnited and annexed vnto the towne of Newcastel vpon Tine, and to be taken, deemed, and iudged to be within the Countie and Shyre of the sayde towne of Newcastel vpon Tine, and to be reputed and taken, as part, parcel, and member of the sayde towne of Newcastel, and that the inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Gatesyde, shalbe vnder the rule, gouernement, and correction of the Maior and Burgesses of the sayde towne of Newcastell, as other inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Newcastell then were, or of ryght ought to be, as in and by the sayde other acte amongest other thynges more at large dooth and may appeare. The whiche seuerall Actes and estatutes were compassed and brought to passe in the tender yeeres, and minoritie of our sayde late soueraygne Lord the kyng, by the sinister labour, great malice, and corrupt meanes of certayne ambitious persons, then being in aucthoritie, rather for to enrich them selues, and their freendes with a great part of the possessions of the sayde Bysshoprieke,

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then vpon iuſt occaſion or godly zeale. And although the ſayde depri-
uation of the ſayd reuerende father from the ſayd Biſhopriche, proce-
ded onely vppon vntrue ſurmiſes, and falſe accuſations of ſuche, as
were partly entiſed and prouoked thereunto by the ſiniſter and cor-
rupt labour of the ſayde ambitious perſons, as it hath ſithens, vpon
deliberate & mature examination of the cauſe of the ſayd depriuation
before diuers the Queenes hyghneſſe commiſſioners, by force of her
highneſſe commiſſion, manifeſtly and playnely appeared. Wherupon
the ſayd ſentence of depriuation, pronounced agaynſt the ſayd biſhop,
is clearely repelled, reuerſed, and made fruſtrate to all intentes and
purpoſes, as by a certayne inſtrument authentike more at large doth
appeare. And albeit alſo it hath pleaſed the Queenes moſt excellent
maieſtie, of her moſt godly zeale, and vertuous diſpoſition, to erect and
eſtabliſhe agayne by her moſt gratious letters patentes, the ſayde biſ-
hopriche of Durham, and hath endowed alſo the ſame with all ſuche
honours, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, as were
in her highneſſe handes & poſſeſſion by force of the ſayde two ſeueral
Actes: and hath by the ſayde letters patentes, geuen and diſpoſed the
ſayde Biſhopriche, and the ſayde poſſeſſions vnto the ſayde reuerende
father in God Cuthbert, nowe Byſhop of Durham, and to his ſucceſ-
ſours: yet the ſayde reuerende father in God, Cuthbert, nowe Byſhop
of Durham, notwithſtandyng the repeale of the ſayde ſentence of
depriuation, cannot by vertue thereof, nor by force of the ſayde let-
ters patentes, haue, poſſeſſe, and enioy, to hym, and to his ſucceſſours,
al, and ſinguler honours, manours, landes, tenementes, priuiledges,
royalties, liberties, fraunchiſes, and other hereditamentes, the which
dyd belong vnto the ſayde biſhopriche before the making of the ſayde
two ſeueral eſtatutes, in as large & ample maner, as he dyd or ought,
or ſhoulde haue done yf the ſayde two ſeuerall eſtatutes had not ben
made: for that the ſayde two ſeueral eſtatutes remayne yet in their
perfect force and effect. In conſyderation of all whiche premiſſes,
be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the Queene
our ſouereigne Lady, by thaſſent of the Lordes ſpiritual and tempo-
rall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by
thauctoritie of the ſame, that the ſayde two ſeueral eſtatutes or actes
of parliament, and eyther of them, and al and euery braunches, arti-
cles, ſentences, clauſes, and matters, in the ſayde ſeuerall eſtatutes or
actes of parliament, and eyther of them, conteyned, ſhalbe from hence-
forth adnichilated, repealed, and vtterly voyde, and of none effect, to
all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as wel agaynſt our ſayde ſo-
uereigne Ladye the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, as agaynſt
al other perſon and perſons, bodyes politike and corporate, and euery
of them, as though the ſayde ſeueral eſtatutes or actes of parliament,
or eyther of them, had neuer ben had or made: any thyng or thynges

in the same actes, or eyther of them conteyned to the contrarie thereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And be it also further ordeyned and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe, as well from the last of Februarie, in the seuenth yeere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne Lorde, as from hencefoorth, a Bishoprieke and see, named, and called by the name of the Bishoprieke of Durham, and that the sayde Bishoprieke of Durham, before extinguished by force of the sayde first act of Parliament, shalbe nowe by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, fully, and wholy, reuiued, erected, and haue his beyng, in lyke maner & fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as it was of olde tyme vsed and accustomed before the makyng of the sayd seueral actes, or eyther of them, and as though the sayde seuerall actes, or eyther of them, had neuer ben made. And that there shall from the sayde last day of Februarie, in the sayde seuenth yeere, and nowe from hencefoorth, continue and be annexed, vnited, incorporated, and ioyned to the same Bishoprieke, as well al, and singuler the same episcopal, ecclesiastical, and ordinarie iurisdictions, preheminences, dignities, and auctorities, as al and singuler such, and the same temporal auctorities, preheminences iurisdictions, liberties, fraunchises, prerogatiues royal, Iura regalia, Countie Palatine, ryghtes, titles, & interestes, of what natures, kindes, sortes, and qualities soeuer they be. And that also there shalbe vnited, annexed, incorporated, and ioyned vnto the sayde Bishoprieke, as well the sayde towne of Gatelyde, the sayde salte medowes, water, and bryge, as al and singuler honours, castels, manours, lordshippes, graunges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuertions, seruices, woodes, tithes, pencions, portions, personages, appropriated vicaredges, churches, chappels, aduoulsons, nominations, patronages, annuities, entries, conditions, commons, leetes, courtes, forfeytures, amerciamentes, and other possessions, and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer, whiche were belonging or apparteyning to the sayd late Bysshoprieke, or were parte, parcell, or member of the possessions of the sayde late Bysshoprieke, the fourteenth day of September, in the syxth yeere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne Lorde the kyng, the sayde seuerall estatutes or actes of Parliament, or any thyng in them, or either of them conteyned, or any graunte, letters patentes, confirmations, executions, or other deedes made by our sayde late soueraigne Lord the kyng, sithence the sayd fourteenth day of September in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde reuerende father in God, Cuthbert Tunstall, nowe called Bishop of Durham aforesayde, shall as well from the sayde fourteenth day of September, in the sayde syxth yeere of our sayde late soueraigne Lord the kyng, as from hencefoorth, be deemed, taken, and adiudged

iudged Byſhop of the ſayd Byſhoprike of Durham. And alſo that the ſayd reuerend father in God, ſhal haue, hold, poſſeede, & enioy to him, and to his ſucceſſours, Biſhops of Durham aforeſaid, as in the right of the ſayde Byſhoprike for euer, all and ſinguler the ſayde epiſcopall, eccleſiaſticall, ſpirituall, and ordinarie iuriſdictions, preeminences, dignities, and aucthorities. And the ſayde towne of Gateſyde, ſalte medowes, waters, and bridge, and al and ſinguler the ſayd honours, caſtles, manoures, lordſhyppes, granges, meaſes, landes, tenementes, medowes, paſtures, rentes, reuertions, ſeruices, woodes, tythes, pentions, portions, perſonages appropriated, vicaredges, Churches, Chappels, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rights, intereſtes, entrees, conditions, commons, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuiledges, fraunchiſes, prerogatiues royal, countie Palatine, Iura regalia, forfeytures, and all other poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes whatſoeuer, in as large and ample maner & fourme, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as the ſayde reuerend father in God, as Byſhop of the ſayd late Byſhoprike of Durham aforeſayde, had, held or enioyed, or ought, or myght lawfully haue hadde, holden, or enioyed the ſame, in the ſayd fourteenth day of September, in the ſyrth yere aforeſayd, the ſaide ſuppoſed pronounced depriuation, pronounced againſt hym, or the ſayde ſeueral eſtatutes, or actes of parliament, or eyther of them to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And that the ſayde reuerende father, ſhall, and may haue, leuye, take, and receyue to his only vſe and profite, al the rentes, reuenues, iſſues, commodities, emolumentes, caſualties, and profites whatſoeuer, of ſuch perſon or perſons, and in whoſe handes ſoeuer the ſame remayne, whiche haue come, growen, or ryſen, of, for, or by reaſon of the ſayde Byſhoprike, and other the premiſſes, or of any part or parcel of the ſame, ſythence the ſayde fourteenth day of September. And that he ſhall haue al and ſinguler the ſame, and lyke aduantages, remedies, actions, and ſuites, for the leuying, recouerie, and obteynyng of the ſayd rentes, reuenues, iſſues, commodities, emolumentes, caſualties, and profites, as the ſayde reuerende father ſhould haue had or vſed, for the recouerie, leuying, and obteynyng of the ſame, yf the ſame Byſhoprike had ſtil continued, and had his beyng, and his landes and poſſeſſion as Byſhop thereof, and as though the ſayde ſuppoſed depriuation, and the ſayde ſeuerall actes or eſtatutes, or eyther of them, had neuer ben had or made.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that as wel all and ſinguler the foreſayde epiſcopall, eccleſiaſtical, ſpirituall, and ordinarie iuriſdictions, preeminences, and aucthorities, as the ſayde temporal iuriſdictions, aucthorities, honours, caſtles, manours, lordſhips, granges, meaſes, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, ſeruices, aduouſons, perſonages, patronages, tythes, pentions portions,

rights, entrees, conditions, Iura regalia, liberties, prerogatiues royal, countie palatine, franchiſes, and hereditaments, and the ſayd towne of Gateſide, and al other the premiſſes, with al and ſinguler their appurtenances, ſhalbe adiudged and deemed to be in the actuall and reall poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the ſayd reuerende father, Cuthbert Tunſtal (as Byſhop of the ſayde Byſhoprike of Durham) as wel agaynſt our ſayde ſoueraigne lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, as agaynſt al other perſon or perſons, bodyes politike and corporate: And that the ſayde reuerende father ſhalbe adiudged and deemed incumbent and Byſhop of the ſayde Byſhoprike, alwayes from the ſaid fourteenth day of September, hytherto, as though the ſayde actes or acte of parliament, depriuation, or any other let, occaſion, or impediment, had neuer ben had, made, or done.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that as wel the ſayd reuerende father, his executours, and adminiſtratours, as the ſayd Byſhoprike, ſhalbe diſcharged againſt our ſayde ſoueraigne lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, of the fyrſt fruites of the ſayde Byſhoprike, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame, by reaſon of this acte or eſtatute.

Sauyng to all and euerye perſon and perſons, bodyes politike and corporate, and their heires and ſucceſſours, and the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them (other then our ſayde ſoueraigne ladye the Queene, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the Maior and Burgeſſes of the ſayde Towne of Newcaſtle vppon Tyne, and their ſucceſſours, aſſignes, and ſuche perſon and perſons as pretende to haue any of the foreſayd manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, offices, commons, liberties, and other hereditamentes, or anye of them, or any parte or parcel of them, or anye rentes, offices, fees, or other profytes, goyng or iſſuyng out of the ſayde manours, and other the premiſſes, or anye parcell of them, or anye tytle or intereſte, in, or to the ſame, by the gyfte, graunt, or grauntes of our ſayde late ſoueraigne Lorde Kyng Edwarde the fyrth, or by his patent or patentes, or by the gyfte, graunt, or grauntes of the ſayde Maior and Burgeſſes, or of anye of them, and other then ſuche as clayme, by, or vnder the tytle of our ſayde late ſoueraigne Lorde the Kyng, by reaſon of the ſayde actes of parliament, or eyther of them, ſithence the ſayd fourteenth day of September, al ſuch ryght, tytle, intereſt, poſſeſſion, rentes charges, rentes ſeruices, annuities, leaſes, farmes, offices, pentions, portions, lyuynges, lyueries, corrodies, commons, liberties, fraunchiſes, fees, ſynodes, proxis, and other profytes, which they or any of them haue, or may clayme, ought, maye, or myght haue had, in or to the premiſſes, or any parte or parcel thereof, in ſuch like maner, fourme, and condition, to all intents, reſpects, conſtructiõs, & purpoſes, as they had, inioyed, might, ought,

ought, or ſhoulde haue had or enioyed, before the forſayd fourteenth day of September, in the ſyxt yeere aboue ſayde, and as yf the forſayde actes of parliament or eſtatutes had neuer benne hadde ne made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforeſayde, that our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, ſhal at all & euery tyme and tymes, when the ſayd Biſhopricke ſhal hereafter become voyde, haue the nomination, preferment, and gyft of the ſayde Biſhopricke, in lyke manner and fourme, as her hyghneſſe, her heyres or ſucceſſours may or ought to doo with any other Biſhopricke within this realme. And alſo ſhall from the ſayd fourteenth day of September, in ỹ ſayd ſyxt yere, haue yeerely the tenthes of the premiſſes, and ſuche other lyke rentes, ſeruices, commodities and profites, as ſhould haue ben payd, done, or made, for the premiſſes, or any part thereof, to our ſayde late Soueraigne Lord the kyng, or to our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, as yf the ſayd Biſhopricke had ſtyl continued in his being not diſſolued, and as though the ſayde reuerend father hadde continued ſtyl Biſhop thereof: and that at euery auoydaunce of the ſayde Biſhopricke from henceforth, our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, ſhal haue the mayne profites of the ſaid biſhopricke, duryng euery vacation thereof, and the firſt fruites of the ſayd Biſhopricke, and of the poſſeſſions thereof, in like maner and fourme as her hyghneſſe, or her heyres or ſucceſſours, ſhould, or ought to haue had for the ſayd Biſhopricke, and as yf the ſame Biſhopricke had neuer benne diſſolued, or extinguiſhed: any thyng or thynges in the ſayde two former actes of Parliament, or in eyther of them, or in this preſent acte of Parliament conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforeſayde, that this preſent act of parliament, and any thing therein conteyned, ſhal not by any maner of meanes extend to reſtore vnto our ſayde reuerende father: and to his ſucceſſours, Biſhoppes of Durham aforeſayde, one Capitall Meſuage, or Manſion houſe, called Coldeherborowe, ſet, and beyng in Thamis ſtreete, in the pariſhe of Allhallowes the leſſe, within the Citie of London, or to the houſes, buyldinges, landes, gardeynes, orchardes, commodities, and profites to the ſayde Capitall Meſuage belonging or appertaynyng, or to fyue Meſuages or tenementes, with all Sellers, Sollers, Shoppes, Gardeynes, and Orchardes thereunto belongyng, with their appurtenaunces, ſette, and beyng in the paryſhe of Allhalowe barkyng, within the ſayde Citie of London, or to three Meſuages or tenementes, with all ſellers, ſollers, and gardeynes,

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thereunto belongyng, with theyr appertenaunces, ſet, and beyng in the paryſhe of Gralechurche in London aforeſayde, or any of them, al which ſayde Capitall Meſuage, and other the premiſſes ſette, and beyng within the ſayde Citie of London, were in the poſſeſſions, or occupation of the ſayde reuerende father, or his aſſignes, in the ſayde fourteenth daye of September, in the fyrſt yeere of the raigne of our ſayd late Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, nor that this ſayde acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to vnite and ioyne the ſayde Capital Meſuage, and other the ſayde Meales, Tenementes, and other the ſayde premiſſes, ſette and beyng in the ſayde Citie of London, to be part, percel, or member of the ſayde Byſhoprieke of Durham, nor ſhalbe in anye wyſe hurteful, or preiudicial vnto Frauncis nowe Earle of Shrewſburie, his heyres, or aſſignes, but that the ſayde Earle, his heyres or aſſignes, ſhal and may haue, holde, and enioy the ſame Capitall Meſuage, or Manſion houſe, called Coldeherborowe, and al other the ſaid Meſuages, houſes, tenementes, and hereditaments, and euery part and percell of them, laſte before remembred, ſette, and beyng within the ſayde Citie of London, againſt the ſayde Byſhoppe, and his ſucceſſours, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the ſayd Capitall Meſuage, and other the ſayde premiſſes within the ſayde Citie, ſythens the forſayde tyme of the diſſolution or extinguiſhment of the ſayde Byſhoprieke were geuen and graunted vnto the ſayde Earle, his heyres and aſſignes, by our ſayde late Soueraigne Lord kyng Edwarde the fyrſt, by his letters patentes, vnder his greate Seale of Englande, accordyng to the true report, intente, and effect of the ſayde letters patentes, and in lyke maner and fourme, as he or they ſhoulde, or myght haue donne, yf this preſent acte hadde neuer benne hadde or made, any thyng in the ſayde acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

In recompence and for ſatiſfaction of the which houſe, called Coldherborowe, and of other the ſayde landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, ſo geuen and aſſured vnto the ſayde Earle of Shrewſbury, the ſayde reuerend father in God, moſt humbly beſeche the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, that it may lyke the ſame, to aſſigne, geue, and diſpoſe vnto the ſayde Byſhop, and to his ſucceſſours, ſuch other houſe, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of lyke value and goodnes, as ſhal ſeeme vnto her highnes to be mete and conuenient, the aſſurance of the whiche recompence, after it ſhall be limitted and aſſigned by our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, ſhalbe at the onlye coſtes and charges of the ſayde Byſhop of Durham, or of his ſucceſſours, any thyng before remembred to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

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An actte for the eſtabliſhing of the office of the Lorde Stewarde of the Queenes moſte honourable houſholde.

The. iiij. Chapter.

Here in the ſeſſion of a parliament holden at weſtminſter, the. xxxii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng of moſt famous memorie kyng Henrie the eight, it was amongeſt other thynges, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in the ſayd parliament aſſembled, enacted, and eſtabliſhed, that Charles the late Duke of Suffolke, then hauyng the office of great maiſter of the kinges houſholde, or graundmaiſter d'hoſtel du roy, and al other, who after that tyme ſhoulde haue the ſayde office by thoſe names, or any of them, ſhoulde haue, vſe, and enioy al ſuche, and ſinguler preheminence, auctho:ities, priuileges, and iuriſdictions, in as large and ample manner, faſhion, forme, and condition, as the Lord Stewarde of the kynges houſholde, by vertue of the office, and in name of Lorde Stewarde, had, vſed, or ought to haue vſed or had, by reaſon of any cuſtome, vſages, ſtatutes, or common lawes of this realme, and as yf the ſayde Duke and ſuche other as ſhoulde haue the ſayde office, had ben called and named Lord Stewarde of the kynges houſholde, as more plainely at large may appeare by the ſayd ſtatute.

Forasmuche as it hath nowe pleaſed the Queenes Maieſtie, to reduce, alter, and chaunge the name of the great maiſter of her hyghneſſe moſte honourable houſholde, or graundmaiſter d'hoſtel du roy, into the name of the ſayde Lorde Stewarde of her moſte honourable houſholde, and thereupon hath graunted and geuen the ſayde office of Lord Steward of her ſaid moſt honourable houſholde, vnto her right truſtie, and entirely beloued coſyn and counſaylour, Henrie Earle of Arundel, and hath ordeyned, named, and appoynted hym to be called Lorde Stewarde of her moſt honourable houſhold: That it may pleaſe her highneſſe it be enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho:itie of the ſame, that the ſayde eſtatute made in the ſayde. xxxii. yeere, concerning the iuriſdiction of the great maiſter of the kynges houſholde, and euery braunche, clauſe, article, and ſentence in the ſame conteyned, ſhall be from henceforth fruſtrate, and of none effect.

And furthermore that it be enacted by the auctho:itie aforeſayde, that the foreſaid Henry Earle of Arundel, during the time that he ſhall haue the ſayde office of Lorde Stewarde, and al other who hereafter

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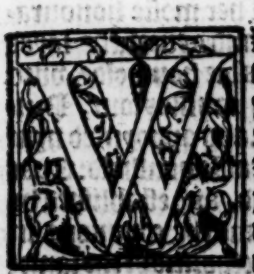
shal haue the office by that name, shall haue, vse, and enioy al suche and singuler preheminences, auctorities, priuileges, and iurisdictions, in as large and ample manner, fashion, fourme, and condition, as the Steward of the kinges household, by vertue of that office, and name of Lorde Steward, had, vsed, or ought to haue vsed, or had, at anye tyme before the sayde statute made in the sayde, xxxii. yeere of the sayde late kyng Henrie the eyght, or before the creation, constitutyng, or makyng of any suche officer of the greate maister of the kynges household, or graundmaister d' hostel du roi, or at any tyme sithens the sayde xxxii. yeere of the sayde late kyng Henry the eight, by reason of any Statute, or Statutes, lawe, custome, or prescription therof had, or made.

And that the sayde Henry Earle of Arundel, duryng the tyme that he shal haue the sayde office, and al other after hym hauyng the sayde office, shal and may, as fully & absolutely vse, exercise, occupye, haue, and enioy the sayde office, with al and singuler the sayde preheminences, auctorities, priuileges, and iurisdictions, as wel after and duryng the maryage of her sayde highnesse, as he or they myght, or shoulde haue done before the sayde maryage, and that by the name of Lorde Steward of her moste honourable household, by what name or names soeuer the courte, pallace, or house of her highnesse and her husbandes shalbe called: any lawe, vsage, or any other thing or things to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the continuation of a Statute, made for the repayryng of Shierbourne causey.

The. v. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster, the fyft day of October, in the fyfte yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne lady queene Mary, in the seconde and last sessiont of the same Parliament, there holden vpon prorogation the xxiii. day of October then next folowyng, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution of the same Parliament, being the fyrth day of December then nexte ensuyng: Amongst other thynges, one acte was made and prouided, for and concernyng the makyng, repayryng, and amendement of the common hygh way and causey in the Counties of Dorset and Somerset, betweene the townes of Shaftesburie and Shierbourne, in the same Countie of Dorset: the tenour of whiche acte foloweth here in these wordes ensuyng.

Where it is euident, that the common hygh way, called the cau-

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ley paued with ſtone, in the Counties of Dorſet and Somerſet, betweene the townes of Shaftesburie and Shierbourne, in the ſame Countie of Dorſet, is now in great decay, to the great hurt & danger of al people whiche of neceſſitie muſte dayly paſſe that way in tourneyes, and with theyr carryages. For remedie whereof, becauſe it is thought meete, that the charges of the makyng, repayryng, & amendmente of the ſame hygh way and cauſey, beyng in length twelue miles, ſhoulde be borne by the owners, tenantes, farmours, & inhabitauntes of the manours, landes, tenementes, and paryches, lying nigh to the ſayde cauſey and hygh way on eyther ſyde of the ſame, by the owners, tenauntes, farmours, and inhabitauntes of the townes of Shaftesburie and Shirbourne: Be it therfore enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent parliament, that the ſayde hygh way and cauſey, ſhal from henceforth from tyme to tyme be made, repayred, and amended by the owners, tenauntes, and farmours of the ſaid landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lying nygh to the ſayde cauſey and high way on eyther ſyde of the ſame, and by the inhabitauntes of and within the ſayde townes of Shaftesburie and Shierbourne, and by the owners, tenauntes, and farmours of the manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, and by the inhabitauntes of and within the forreſt of Gyllingham, and liberties of Gyllingham, and Alcetter, and the hundredes of Redlane and Shierbourne, in the ſayde Countie of Dorſet, and of the hundred of Horethorne, in the ſayde Countie of Somerſet.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the Juſtices of the peace, aſwel of the ſaid countie of Dorſet, as of the ſaid countie of Somerſet, for the tyme beyng, from tyme to tyme, aſwel in theyr quarter ſeſſions, as otherwyſe, ſhal haue full power and aucthoritie to cal before them, or before foure of them at the leaſte, wherof two to be of the Quorum, the ſaid owners, tenantes, farmours, and inhabitauntes, and al other ſuche perſon and perſons, as by this acte, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe bounde to repayre and amende the ſayde cauſey and hygh way, or ſuche, and ſo many of them, as to the ſame Juſtices of the peace, or foure of them at the leaſt, whereof two to be of the Quorum, ſhalbe thought moſt meete & conuenient, and thereupon to take ſuche reaſonable orders and directions from tyme to tyme, for, and concernyng the makyng, repayryng, and amendement of the ſayde hygh way and cauſey: and for the charges thereof, to make from time to tyme ſuche aſſeſſementes and taratiōs of money, or otherwyſe, vpon the ſayde owners, tenauntes, farmours, and inhabitauntes, and al other ſuche perſon and perſons, as by this acte, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe bounde to repayre and amend the ſayde cauſey and hygh way, hauyng good and indifferent reſpecte to the ſeueral habilities of them, and euerye of them, as to the ſayde

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Justices of peace, or foure of them at the least, wherof two to be of the Quorum, shalbe thought most meete, expedient, & conuenient, & that it shalbe lawful to the same Justices of the peace, or to foure of them at the least, wherof two to be of the Quorum, to put & set paynes, aswel for the obseruation and performaunce of the sayde ordinaunce and directions, as also for the payment and leuying of suche money and other thynges, as shalbe taxed or assessed, or wherof anye order shalbe made, in fourme aforesayde, and to set order for accompt to be made yeerely of such summes of money, and other thynges as shalbe leuied and geathered, for, and to the reparation & amendement of the sayde hygh way and causey, and before whom, and to whom the sayde accompt shalbe made: and that the same orders and directions shalbe entred and enrolled of recorde by the Clarke of the peace for the tyme beyng, aswel of the sayd Countie of Dorset, as of the said Countie of Somerset, in the rolles of sessions of the same Counties, to the intent that processe may be made agaynst suche person, and persons, as shal withstande, breake, or disobey any of the orders, decrees, ordinaunces, taxations, or assessementes to be made concernyng the premisses in fourme aforesayde, the forfeytures of whiche paynes and penalties to goe to the makyng, repayryng, and amendement of the sayde hygh way and causey.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that for not performyng of the sayde orders, directions, and ordinaunces, and for the leuying of the saide taxations and assessementes, it shalbe lawful to distrayne, and take distresses, and to sell the same distresses in such wise, as in other cases where distresses doo lye, by the lawes of this realme, hath and may be done and used.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if the Justices of the peace of the said Counties of Dorset & Somerset, doo refuse to put this acte in execution in manner and fourme aforesaide, accordyng to the fourme and true meanyng of the same acte, that then the Lord Chauncelour of Englande, or the Keeper of the great seale of Englande for the tyme beyng, vppon request to be made to hym, shall, and may make fourth commyssion or commyssions vnder the greate seale of Englande, to suche discrete persons, as to hym shalbe thought meete and conuenient, to put this presente acte in execution in euery part thereof, accordyng to the intent and true meanyng thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the same commissioners shal and may haue ful power and authoritie to put the same in execution, accordyngly in euery parte thereof, in such fourme & sorte, as to them shal seeme meete and conuenient, and as the sayd Justices of peace of the sayd Counties of Dorset and Somerset, by vertue of this acte shoulde, or myght doo, accordyng to the

the former effect and true meanyng of the ſame acte, which act was made to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament, as by the ſame acte more playnely appeareth. For as muche as the ſayde acte is good and beneficiall for the common weale of this Realme: be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the auctheritie of this preſent parliament, that the ſayde acte, touchyng and concernyng the makyng, repayryng, and amendment of the ſayde hygh way, and cauſey, betweene the ſayde Townes of Shaftesbury, and Shyrbourne, and al clauſes and artícles conteyned in the ſame acte, accordyng to the ſayde tenour thereof, here before recited, ſhall continue & endure in their force and ſtrength, and be obſerued and kept in al things, vntil thend of ten yeres next enſuing thend of this preſent parliament.

An acte for the repayryng *of a cauſey betwixt Briſtowe, and Glouceſter.*

The.vj. Chapter.

Here as the Queenes high way, leadyng betweene the Cities of Briſtowe and Glouceſter, hauyng benne heretofore wel repayred, by the deuotion of diuers good people, is nowe fallen into ſuche decay with ſlowes, waters, and holes, in moſt places, as neyther people, horſe, nor carriage, without great danger can now paſſe there. By reaſon wherof, many people with their waynes, cartes, horſes, and carriage, haue benne, and be marde, periſhed, maimed, and killed diuers times, for as muche as the people labouryng betweene the ſayde two Cities, haue no other ſo conuenient a way as that, yf it were repayred.

It may therfore be enacted by the auctheritie of this parliament, that the inhabitants of the countie of the Citie of Glouceſter, and of the countie of the Citie of Briſtowe, within their ſeuerall liberties, & the inhabitantes of the hundredes of Barton, nert Briſtow, Grombol, Iche, Barkley, Whyteſtone, Thornebury, and Hendbury, within the countie of Glouceſter, for their ſeuerall limittes and hundredes, ſhalbe charged with the amending and reparation of the ſayde way, or cauſey, from tyme to time hereafter. And that the Juſtices of peace of the ſayde countie, or three of them at the leaſt, dwellyng within the ſeuerall Cities aforeſayde, for their liberties, & three other Juſtices of

peace of the ſaid countie of Glouceſter, dwelling within euery of the ſayd ſeueral hundredes, or nyghest to the ſame, and hygh Conſtables of the ſayd hundredes, for their ſeueral hundredes, may & ſhal by vertue of this acte, at euery ſeſſion of peace to be holden in the ſaid countie next after the feaſte of Chriſtmas, yerely during theſe fyre yeres, rate, and ſeale euery of the ſayd hundredes, at ſuch a conuenient portion or ſumme of money, as ſhalbe by them thought ſufficient for the due reparation of the ſaid cauſey, & for the charges of the ouerſeers of the ſame. And that the ſayd Juſtices, and hygh Conſtables, by vertue of this preſent acte, ſhall from time to time yerely duryng the ſayde tearme of fyre yeres, appoynt, rate, & ceaſſe the Inhabitantes of the ſame, and alſo appoynt collectours & ouerſeers for the due leuying of the money, and makyng of the ſayd way, and that al and euery of the ſayde Inhabitantes ſhal beare, pay, & contribute their ſeuerall rates and portions, as the ſayd Juſtices and hygh Conſtables ſhal ſeuerally appoynt & determine. And that the ſaid collectours and ouerſeers, ſhal at the feaſt of S. Michael Tharchangel, yerely yelde and make a true and perfecte accompt in wrytyng, before the ſayde Juſtices and hygh Conſtables, or ſuche other as they ſhall appoynt there for the tyme, wherein reaſonable wages for al neceſſary miniſters ſhalbe alowed by the ſayde Juſtices, vppon the payne that he that ſhal neglecte or refuſe to doo anythyng to him apparteynyng, that is before limited, ſhall forfeyte for euery time. x.li. the one halfe to be to the Queenes hyghneſſe vſe, her heires and ſucceſſours, the other moytie to him that wyl ſue for the ſame, by action, byl, playnt, or otherwiſe, wherin no eſſoigne, nor wager of lawe, or protection, ſhalbe alowed.

And further, that it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde hygh way may be made newe, as good and ſubſtantial on this ſyde the feaſt of the Natiuitie of our Lord God, which ſhal be in the yere of our Lorde, a thouſande, fyue hundred, fyfty & ſeuen, at the coſtes and charges of the Inhabitantes aforeſayde, and to be wel lyded, pytched, and bottomed with ſtones and other workmanſhyp, and guttred for boydyng of waters.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that as well the Inhabitantes of the ſayd cities of Briſtowe and Glouceſter, & of the counties of the ſame cities, within their ſeuerall liberties, as the Inhabitants of the ſayde hundredes aboue named, within the ſayde countie of Glouceſter, ſhal yerely from time to time, during the ſayde terme of fyre yeres, pay vnto the ſayde collectours, vpon reaſonable warnyng, all ſuche ſummes of money as ſhalbe rated and tared by the ſayde Juſtices and hygh Conſtables, within their ſaid ſeueral limits, in payne of forfeyture of euery ſuch perſon, as refuſe this to do, fourty ſhillinges, to be leuied to the vſe aforeſayd, in maner & fourme aboue recited. This acte to endure but for. vi. yeres next enſuyng.

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An acte touchyng cloth making in corporate townes, and market townes.

The. vij. Chapter.

Where the citie of Worcester, and diuers other cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, within the realme of England, of long tyme haue ben vpholden, repayred, and onely mainteyned by makyng of broade clothes, called long clothes, short clothes, and coloured clothes, and the citizens, free men, and the inhabitants of the same cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, haue therby ben greatly enriched, and the poore people, and handy craftes men of the same, and the countreys adioynyng, dayly set a worke, as Weauers, Walkers, Fullers, Fulling mylmen, Sheremen, & Dyers, Forcers of woolles, Casters of woolles, & Sorters of woolles, Spynners, Carders, and Spullers of yarne, & haue had their onely liuing therby, tyl now of late in the fyfth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the vi. that an estatute was made, that no man should occupy cloth making, ne put any brode cloth or clothes to weauing or walking, except he hath ben apprentice to cloth making by the space of seuen yeres, or els haue occupied and practised cloth making by the space of seuen yeres, or more, vnder paine of forfeiture of great penalties in the same estatute lymited. By reasō wherof, diuers and many good clothiers, dwelling in the sayde cities & townes corporate, which had occupyed and made cloth by the space of fyue or fyxe yeres, and some which haue maried clothiers wyues, which had occupyed cloth makyng by the space of twentie yeres before, by reason of the same estatute, haue ben enforced to leaue of, and clearly discontinue their cloth making, to their great impouerishment, and to the vtter vndooyng of a great number of poore people, and handye craftesmen, which dayly had their lyuyng by the sayd clothiers. And for as muche as the perfecte and principal grounde of cloth makyng, is the true sorting of woolles, and the experience thereof consisteth onely in women, as clothiers wyues, and their women seruantes, and not in apprentices, they be therby very lyke to be vtterly vndone for euer, vnlesse speedy remedy be therein prouided.

In consyderation wherof, be it enacted, established, and ordeyned, by the Queenes most excellent maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same parliament, that euery person, or persons, inhabiting in any of the sayd cities, boroughes, or

townes corporate, or in market townes within the realme of Englande, where cloth making at any time before the making of the sayd act hath ben vsed, shal, or may from henceforth lawfully make al maner of broad clothes aforesayd, & put them to weauing, walking, fulling, dying, and shearing, without any impediment, so that the same cloth be substantially made, bearing lawful lēgth, breadth, & waight, according to the estatute for good and true cloth making, made in the .v. yere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne lord kyng Edwarde the vi. any article or clause in the sayde former estatute, or any other estatute for cloth making, made to the cōtrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An act touchyng the buying *and currying of leather.*

The viij. Chapter.

WHere at the parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the .xv. day of Aprył, in the .vi. yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lorde kyng Edward the vi. it was amongst other thyngs enacted, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shoulde buye, engrosse, or cause to be bought or engrossed, any kynde of tanned leather, to sell the same agayne, sauyng onely Sadlers, Gyrdlers, Cordwayners, & certayne other artificers, as by the same acte more playnely may appeare. Sythence the making whereof, for as muche as many poore artificers, as Shoemakers and Coblers, who afore that myght buye frō tyme to tyme their stuffe of the Currier, redy prouided and wrought sufficiently, and to buye the same at a price reasonable, & now beyng very poore men, and not able to buye two or three hydes or backes of leather at one tyme, nor to pay redy money for the same, are enforced to geue by their occupations in great number, to their vtter impouerishment and vndooyng:

And for as muche also, as sythence the making of the sayd estatute, all kynde of stuffe made of leather, is more slenderly and deceitfully wrought and made then euer it was, and neuertheles as deare, or dearer, whereby it may appeare, that the sayde former acte was procured for the singuler commoditie of a fewe riche Shoemakers, and other artificers that are nowe common regratours and engrossers of leather, who without respecte of perfect workmanshyp, eyther of the common wealth, which is well perceyued both in mens purses, and also in their shoes, the experience is wel proued, they hauing the onely trade of buying of leather, stuffe, and talowe in their handes,

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and notwithstandyng, do delyuer to the currier so litle stuffe and talowe, whereby the leather can not be sufficiently wrought. And forasmuche as the curriers are by dyuers lawes bounden to the sufficient workemanship, and curriyng of leather, vpon dyuers paynes, where they may buye no leather, nor the shoemaker wyll not alowe them sufficiently to do the same:

Be it therefore enacted, that from henceforth it shalbe lawful, aswel for the currier, shoemaker, gyrdeler, sadler, bouget maker, and all other artificers, occupying the craft or mysterie of leather buying, lawfully to buye al kyndes of tanned leather in fayres and markets, within al places of this realme accustomed to be solde, it being lawfully tanned and dressed, so that the sayde curriers, shoemakers, and gyrdlers, nor any person for them or for their vse, shall buye any kinde of tanned leather to sel agayne to any marchant or other stranger to be conueyed ouer the sea, ne shall sende ne conuey any leather beyond the sea, vpon the forfayting of al such leather so bought, the one halfe of the same to be to the Queenes highnesse, & the other halfe to hym that presenteth the same. And further, the foresaid act from henceforth to be repealed, made voyde, & of none effect, concernyng the curriers, shoemakers, sadlers, bougetmakers, gyrdlers, and al other artificers, occupying the mysterie of leather buying, curried and dressed.

And be it further enacted, that from henceforth no person or persons (occupying the feate or mysterie of currying of tanned leather) within the citie of London, or suburbes of the same, shal occupie about ẏ curriyng of the same leather any other stuffe or talow brought vnto hym by any other person or persons, but such as shall be his owne vppon payne of forfeyture of al suche leather so curryed, contrary true meaning thereof.

And furthermore, that no curryer shal curry any hydes for any shoemaker to make shoes or bootes of, from the feast of Saint James the Apostle, vnto the .xxv. day of Marche, but such as shalbe dipped sufficiently twyse in the pan, for the true and iuste workemanship therof, vpon payne of forfeyture of all such leather, as shalbe wrought to the contrary, the one halfe of the same to the Queenes highnesse, and the other moytie to hym that shal fynde and present the same, all the same penalties to be recouered in fourme aforesayde, by him or them that wyl sue for the same, by action of det, byl, playnt, or information, in any court of recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, ne wager of law shalbe admitted, ne alowed for the defendaunt.

Prouyded alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that when, and as often, as any shoemaker, or his deputie, doth bring any leather sufficiẽtly tanned, to any currier to be curried, deliuering sufficient liquor for well dressing of the same: The same shalbe by euery

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such currier, wel and sufficiently curried, and made redy for the shoemaker, within the space of fiue dayes in sommer: that is to say, from the first day of March, to the last day of September. And also in lyke maner, within the space of tenne dayes in wynter: that is to say, from the first day of October, vnto the last day of February, vpon payne to forfeyte to the partie greeued, for euery hyde not curried and dressed in maner and fourme aforesayde, the summe of ten shyllynges.

Prouided further, that this prouyso shal not extende to bynde any currier to dresse any leather, which he, doyng his best, is not able to dresse within euery of ỹ tymes aforesaid, but shal extend to al such leather as he cõueniently may dresse, after the common rate of dressyng.

An act touchyng ordinaunces and rules in Cathedral Churches and Scholes.

The. ix. Chapter.

WHere as the late noble Prince of famous memorie, king Henry the eight, father vnto our most gracious Soueraigne Lady the Queene, amongst other his godly actes & doinges, did erecte, make, and establishe diuers & sundry churches, as wel cathedral, as collegiat, & endowed euery of the same with diuers manours, landes, tenements, and possessions, for the maintenance of the deanes, prebendaries, & ministers within the same, & for other charitable actes to be done & executed by the same Deanes, prebendaries, & ministers, and also did encorporate ỹ same Deanes, prebendaries, and ministers, & made them bodies politique, in perpetual succession, according to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And where also as the sayd late kyng, for the better maintenance & preseruation of the said churches in a godly vnitie, and good order & gouernaunce, graunted vnto the seuerall corporations, & bodies corporate of euery of the sayd churches, that they should be ruled & gouerned forever according vnto certaine ordinaunces, rules, & statutes, to be specified in certaine indentures, then after to be made by his highnes, & to be deliuered & declared to euery of the bodies corporate of ỹ sayd seuerall churches, as by the seuerall erections & foundations of the sayd churches more playnly it doth and may appeare. Since whiche sayd erections & foundations, the said late kyng did cause to be deliuered to euery of the sayd churches, so as is aforesayde, erected, & incorporated by certaine commissioners by his highnesse appointed, diuers & sundry statutes and ordinaunces, made and declared by the same commissioners, for the order, rule, and gouernaunce of the sayde seuerall churches,

churches, and of the deanes, prebendaries, and miniſters of the ſame, which ſayde ſtatutes and ordinaunces were made by the ſayde commiſſioners, and deliuered vnto euery of the corporations of the ſayde ſeueral churches in writing, but not indented, according to the forme of the ſayde foundations and erections, by reaſon whereof the ſayde churches, and the ſeueral deanes, prebendaries, and miniſters of the ſame, haue no ſtatutes, or ordinaunces of any ſorte or aucthoritie, whereby they ſhoulde be ruled and gouerned, and therefore remayne as yet not fully ſtabliſhed in ſuch ſort, as the godly intent of the ſayde late king Henry the eyght was, to the great imperfection of the ſame churches, and the hinderance of Gods ſeruice, and good order and regiment to be had and continued amongſt the miniſters of the ſame.

And foraſmuch as the aucthoritie of the making of the ſayde eſtatutes, ordinaunces, and orders was reſerued only vnto the ſayde late kyng, and no mention made of any like aucthority to be reſerued vnto his heyres and ſucceſſours, the ſame orders and ſtatutes can not now be made and prouided without aucthoritie of parliament.

May it therfore pleaſe the Queenes hyghneſſe, that it may be eſtabliſhed and enacted by her hyghneſſe, by thaſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that our ſayd ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, from henceforth during her naturall lyfe (which our lord God long preſerue) ſhal haue by vertue of this act, full power and aucthoritie, to make and preſcribe vnto euery of the ſayde churches, and the deanes, prebendaries, and miniſters of the ſame, and to theyr ſucceſſours, ſuche ſtatutes, ordinaunces, and orders, for the good gouernaunce, rule, and order of euery of the ſame Churches, deanes, prebendaries, and miniſters of the ſame, and of the landes, manours, tenementes, and poſſeſſions of euery of the ſame churches, as ſhall ſeeme good to her highneſſe, the ſame ſtatutes and ordinaunces to be made by her hyghneſſe, by writyng, Sealed with the great Seale of Englande, and to be delyuered to the deanes, prebendaries, and miniſters of euery of the ſayde churches for the tyme beyng.

And that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, during the time aforeſayd, by writing, ſealed with the great Seale of England, ſhal & may alter, tranſpoſe, change, augment, or diminiſhe the ſayde orders, ſtatutes, and ordinaunces of euery of the ſayde churches, from tyme to tyme, as occaſion ſhal ſerue, and as it ſhal ſeeme good to her hyghnes, and that all and euery of the ſayde ſtatutes, ordinaunces, and orders, to be made, altered, tranſpoſed, changed, augmented, or diminiſhed as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe, and remayne good and effectuall, accordyng to the makyng, alteration, tranſpoſyng, changing, augmentyng, or diminiſhing of the ſame.

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Be it also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Queenes highnes may haue like power and aucthoritie to make, ordeyne, and establyshe statutes, ordinaunces, and foundations for the good order and gouernment of suche Grammer scholes, as haue ben erected, founded, or established in any part of this realme by the moste noble Princes, kyng Henry the eyght, or kyng Edward the syxt, and of the ministers & scholers of the same schole, and to alter and transpose such other statutes and ordinaunces there made heretofore from tymē to tyme, as to her hyghnesse shal seeme most conuenient.

An act for the repeale of a Statute made for the vnityng of the paryshe Churches of Onger and Grenestede, in the Countie of Essex.

The, x. Chapter.

LAmentably cōplaining, shewen vnto your highnesse, your obedient & faythful subiectes, thinhabitantes and parishioners of the townes & villages of Chipping Onger, otherwyse called Castel Onger & Grenestede, within your graces Countie of Essex: that where by the sinister labour and procurement of one Wyllyam Morys, Esquyre, your graces late seruant deceassed, sometyme patrone of the parishe church of Onger aforesayd, & one of the Burgesses of the parliament holden at Westminster, in the second yere of the raigne of the late kyng of woorthie memorie, Edward the syxt, your hyghnesse brother, inordinately seekyng his priuate lucre & profit: an acte was made, & ordeyned by aucthoritie of parliament, in the same second yere, for a consolidation and vnion to be had and made of the parishe Churches of the sayde townes and villages of Onger and Grenestede, and that the inhabitauntes and parishioners of Onger aforesayde, shoulde resorte and repayre for deuine seruice into the Church of Grenestede aforesayde, as to theyr paryshe Church, which acte was deuised and pursued onely by the sayde Wyllyam Morys, without the consent and knowledge of your sayde humble suppliantes, and dooth conteyne in it false suggestions and vntrue surmises, aswel concernyng the distaunce, and value of the sayd churches & benefices, as other thyngs therein mentioned. By colour of which act, the sayde Wyllyam Morys in his lyfe tyme, dyd not onely enter in, and to the sayd Church and Churchyarde of Onger aforesayde, and the mansyon house, and glebelande of the personage thereof, but also in, & to dyuers other peeces of land to the sayd church appertayning,

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thꝛough the whiche your ſayde ſubiectes of Onger aforeſayde, and all other your hyghneſſe liege people, heretofore haue had their hygh wayes and pathes from tyme to tyme, accuſtomably vſed time out of mynde, and dyd alſo take away al the oꝛnamentes, belles, veſtimentes, chalice, and leade of the Church, to his owne vſe, and hath couered the ſayde Churche agayne with tyle, whereby your ſayde ſubiectes euer ſince the tyme of the ſayde acte, haue wandꝛed as ſheepe without their Sheephearde, to ſtrange Pariſhes, foꝛ diuine ſeruice and adminiſtration of ſacramentes, by reaſon that the ſayd Church of Greneſtede is not hable to conteyne the one halfe of the ſayde Pariſhioners, neyther the Curate of Greneſtede able in the wynter ſeaſon to paſſe the bꝛookes, runnyng and ouerflowyng betweene the townes of the ſame Pariſhes, whoſe Churches are diſtant thꝛee quarters of a myle, and moꝛe, ſo that diuers of the ſayde Towne of Onger in the ſayde tyme haue dyed, not only without confeſſion and counſayle of their Curate, but alſo without adminiſtration of the holy Sacramentes, and other rytes of the holy Churche, to the great peryl and danger of their ſoules, to the great greefes and ſoꝛowe of your ſayde humble ſubiectes, and to the great diſeaſe and diſcommoditie of them, and their ſucceſſours, Inhabitants, and Pariſhioners there in tyme to come, vnleſſe by your grace, and this hygh courte of parliament, remedie may be pꝛouided in that behalfe. The pꝛemiſſes thereforе conſydered, and foꝛ as muche as the perſonage of Onger, whereof the ſaide Wylliam Moꝛys was Pariſhioner, was beforе the ſayde vnion wooꝛth ten pounde yerely, ſo long as the ſayde Wylliam dyd truely and fully pay his tythes, and that the inhabitantes onely of Onger aforeſayde, without the ayde oꝛ contribution of the Inhabitantes of Greneſtede aforeſayd, be, and ſhalbe (God wyllyng) able, and wyllyng wel and ſufficiently to repayꝛe and mainteyne the ſayd Church and perſonage of Onger, with neceſſary reparations and oꝛnamentes, meete foꝛ the ſame pariſhe Churche of Onger, and lykewyſe the Inhabitantes of Greneſtede, without ayde and contributi-on of the Inhabitantes of Onger aforeſayd, (the benifice of Greneſtede being of the yerely value of twentie markes,) are able and wyllyng to doo the ſame.

It may thereforе pleaſe your moſt excellent hyghneſſe, that it may be enacted by the ſame your highneſſe, with the aſſent of the Loꝛdes ſpiritual and tempoꝛal, and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoꝛitie of the ſame, that the ſayde acte of parliament, made foꝛ the conſolidation and vnion of both the ſayde Churches of Onger and Greneſtede, and euery clauſe, article, and matter therin conteyned, be repealed, and made vtterly fruſtrate and voyde, as though the ſame had neuer ben had ne made; any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, not withſtandyng.

And that the state of the late Churche of Onger, the Chauncel, Churchyard, and the place & house whiche was the Church, Chauncel, and Churchyarde in the sayde towne of Chippyng Onger, otherwyse called Castle Onger, may be, and shalbe from hencefoorth for euer, the parishe Church, Chauncel, and Churchyarde, to al and singuler the inhabitantes and reliantes of the sayd towne of Chyppyng Onger, and that the inhabitantes of the same of Onger shalbe alwayes hereafter accepted, reputed, and taken, and be parishioners to the sayde Churche of Onger, and be, and shalbe discharged of any further resort, repayre, or charge to the sayde Churche of Grenestede, in lyke maner and fourme, as it was accustomed and vsed before the said late acte of parliament: and that alwayes a conuenient and a meete person shalbe from hencefoorth presented and presentable, at euery auoydance of the sayde Churche of Onger, to the Bysshop of London, and to his successours, ordinaries of the sayde Churche of Onger, by the onely name of the parson of the parish Churche of Onger, in like maner and fourme, as other persons of the sayd parishe haue before the makyng of the sayde acte benne accustomed and vsed to be presented by the order and course of the common lawes of this realme, and that euery parson or curate for the tyme beyng of the sayde Churhe of Onger, shall from hencefoorth be charged with the cure of the parishioners and inhabitantes, with the ancient circuite and precinct of the sayde towne of Onger, as it hath ben before the sayde acte of parliament moste accustomably vsed, and that aduouson, donation, and presentation of the sayde parsonage of Onger, shall hereafter belong and appartayne to James Morys, sonne and heyre of the forsayde Walliam Morys, deceassed, and to his heyres and assignes for euer, by the onely name of the aduouson, donation, or presentation of the personage of Onger, in lyke sort, fourme, condition, and qualitie, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as it was before the makyng of the sayde acte: Any thing in the sayd acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that the Bysshop, Ordinarie, or Ordinaries, and their successours of the place where the sayde scite or Churche of Onger nowe standeth, or dyd late stande, shal haue the institution and induction of all and euerye suche person and persons, as shalbe presented vnto them at all tymes hereafter by the lawfull patrones of the sayde Churche of Onger, and in defaulte thereof, to make collation to the sayde Churche, accordyng vnto the ancient vsage and custome of this realme of Englande in that behalfe heretofore vsed, and that the parson of the sayde Churche of Onger, and his successours, and euery of them, shal from hencefoorth haue, perceyue, and take al maner tythes, offerynges, oblations, obuentions, and al other ecclesiasticall dueties and ryghtes that shall growe and be due by the cu-

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stomes of this realme, and ecclesiastical lawes of the same, and as by the wage and stipendes within the saide parish of Onger, were wont to be payed, had, or made by the parishioners, inhabitantes, and resiantes, within the circuite and ancient precinct of Onger aforesayde, in euery condition, as before the sayde acte was accustomed: and that the sayde vnion and consolidation of the sayd Churches of Onger and Greneflede, and the parishes therof, shalbe in euery kynde, condition, and qualitie, by this present acte vtterly separated and diuided into two seuerall personages or cures, and parishes, in qualitie, name, and degree, to remayne for euer in lyke maner, fourme, and condition, as they were before the making of the sayde late acte: Any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that the Queenes maiestie, her heires and successours, shall haue the tenthes and fyrst fruites of the sayd personage of Chyppyng Onger aforesayde, according to the rate and valuation as the sayde personage was before the sayde acte, or hereafter shalbe rated or valued to the Queenes sayde maiestie, in her hyghnesse courte of fyrste fruites and tenthes.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that from henceforth, that euery person and his successours, persons of the Church of Onger, and the parishioners of the same, shal haue by this acte from henceforth, the scite of the sayde Churche of Onger, and other houses belonging to the same, and al the personage glebe landes, and groundes, called the Cimiterie, and other houses, landes, tenementes, and profytes belongyng or occupyed with the same, or anye parcell therof, with the appurtenances, in lyke maner as the sayde persons and parishioners, or any of them late helde, occupyed, or enioyed the same: any graunt, clause, or article, conteyned in the sayde late acte or statute to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the sayde personage of Greneflede, and the incumbentes of the same for the tyme beyng, shalbe discharged and exonerated, of, and for al tenthes, wherewith the sayd personage of Chyppyng Onger is in any wyse charged, or due out of the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes, by reason, or for any tenthes, growyng, goyng, or arysyng out of the sayde personage of Chyppyng Onger, or by reason of the vnityng of the same,

An acte touching the sea sandes in Glamorganshire.

The xij. Chapter.

Where in the xxiiij. yeere of the raigne of the excellent Prince of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, it was enacted and establyshed, that commissions of sewers from tyme to time when need should require, should be directed to such substantial and indifferent persons, as should be named by the Lorde Chauncelour of England, the Lord Treasurer, the lorde priuie Seale, and the two cherie Justices, or three of them, wherof the lord Chauncelour to be one, auctho risyng them, or syxe of them, to suruey walles, streames, dyches, bankes, gutters, sewers, guttes, causeyes, bridges, trenches, mylles, mylldames, sludgates, pondes, cockes, ebbing, weres, and other lettes, and nuisaunses, by reason of the outragious course and rage of the sea, in, and vpon marshes, and other low places, which good lawe dooth not extende, nor is not taken to geue auctho ritie and power vnto the saide Commissioners of sewers, to reformme the great hurt, noysance, and losses that commeth and chaunceth to the Queenes hyghnesse, and her subiectes, by reason of sande rysyng out of the sea, and dryuen to lande by stormes and wyndes, wherby muche good grounde lying on the sea coaste in sundry places of this realme, & especially in the countie of Glamorgan, be couered with such sande rising out of ye sea, that there cōmeth no profite of the same, to the great losse of the queenes hignesse, & her louing subiects, and more is like to ensue, if speedy remedy be not therein prouided.

May it therefore please the queenes highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctho ritie of the same. Be it enacted, that as wel the sayd act of sewers, made in the sayd xxiiij. yere, as all commissions of sewers hereafter to be directed, accordyng to the tenure of the sayd acte, may extend and geue auctho ritie, that the commissioners therein named for the countie of Glamorgan, or syxe of them, whereof three to be of the Quorum, shall by this acte, and the sayde former acte and commission to them direct, haue ful power and auctho ritie from tyme to tyme to make suche lawes, prouisions, ordinances, iudgementes, and decrees, within the sayde countie of Glamorgan, for the redresse and sauyng the sayde groundes from hurt or destruction by reason of the sayde sandes, as they myght or may do by the sayde former acte and commission, for the withstandyng and auoydyng the outragious course and rage of the sea, or other waters: Any vsage or custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

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An act for the continuation of certayne Statutes.

The.xij. Chapter.

Where in the parliament begonne and holden at London, the third day of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of the raigne of our most dread Soueraigne Lorde of moste famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution therof, one act was made & establyshed for the restraint of cariage, and conueying of horses and mares out of this realme: and also one other act was there made for the true wyndyng of woolles: and one other act was there made to restraine kylling of Waynelyges, bullockes, stires, and heyfers, beyng vnder thage of two yores, which sayde seueral actes were then made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the same parliament one other acte was made & established, for attaintes to be sued for the punishment of periurie vpō vntrue verdicts: which actes last before rehearsed, were then made & ordeyned to continue & endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act more playnly at large is shewed, & may appeare.

And where also in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster, the eyght day of June, in the.xxviii. yere of the raigne of our sayde most dread Soueraigne Lord king Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept, vntil the dissolution therof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that al and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept, vntyll the laste day of the next parliament, as by the same act amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster the.xxviii. day of Apryl, in the.xxxi. yere of the raigne of our sayde most dread Soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued vntyl the.xxviii. day of June then next folowyng, it was ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of the same parliament, that all and singuler the sayde seueral actes aboue remembred, and euery of them; and al clauses, articles, and prouysions in them, and euery of them conteyned, should continue and endure in their force & strength, and also be obserued and keapt, vntyl the laste day of the next parliamen, as by the same act amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more, playnly appeareth.

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And where in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxxv. yeere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, one act was made for the preseruation of woods, to endure for seuen yeres then next folowyng, and from thence vnto the end of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnely dooth and may appeare.

And where also at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the xxxvii. yeere of the raigne of our sayd most dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that all, and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, and euery of them, except the sayde act made for the preseruation of woodes, as is aforesayde, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also to be obserued and keapt, vntyl the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act amongst other thinges therein conteyned more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the Session of a Parliament, ended at Westminster, the .xiii. day of Marche, in the thyrd yere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde, kyng Edwarde the syxt, one acte was made for the true currying of leather, whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parliament; as by the same act more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the Session of a parliament, ended at Westminster the syxth day of February, in the fourth yeere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the syxt, one acte was then and there made, concernyng the buying of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made, touching the buying and sellyng of butter and cheese, which sayd seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it dooth and may appeare.

And where also at the Session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster, the .xviii. day of January, in the fift yeere of our sayde Soueraigne Lord kyng Edwarde the syxt, one acte was then and there made touching the prouision and releefe of the poore, to endure to the ende of the session of the next parliament.

And where also at the same session of parliament laste before mentioned, one other acte was then and there made agaynst regratours and forestallers, to endure to the end of the next parliament: which al, and singuler the sayd actes aboue mencioned, together with the sayd acte concernyng the preseruation of woodes, at a parliament holden at Westminster the syxt day of Marche, in the .vii. yeere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne Lord kyng Edwarde the syxt, and there continued and dissolued the laste day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteyned,

teyned, were there reuiued and continued, to ſtand in theyr force and ſtrength vntyl the laſt day of the next parliament.

And where alſo at the ſeſſion of a parliament, holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter, the.xxiii. day of October, in the fyrſte yere of the raigne of our moſte gratious Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and there continued and kept vntyl the diſſolution thereof, one acte was there made and eſtabliſhed againſt vnlawfull and rebellious aſſemblies, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the ſame act more playnly doth and may appeare. And where alſo at the ſame ſeſſion of parliament laſt before mentioned, all and ſinguler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at ſundry parliamentes as is aforeſayde, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them, and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to ſtande in theyr force and ſtrength, vnto the laſte day of the next parliament.

And foraſmuch as al and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of this realme, be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, & eſtabliſhed by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that all and ſinguler the ſayd ſeuerall actes and eſtatutes aboue mentioned and rehearſed, and euery of them, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them, and euery of them conteyned, ſhalbe reuiued, continued, ſtand, and endure in their force and ſtrength, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued and kept in all thynges vntyl the laſt day of the next parliament.

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